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THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HAS A LARGE CIRCULATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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DEMOCRATS are making a great hullabaloo just now about bribery, corruption, and the like. They are making a great hullabaloo just now about bribery, corruption, and the like. They are making a great hullabaloo just now about bribery, corruption, and the like.

THE DETECTIVE PRESS was almost full in its praise of the selection of Judge Pierpont for Attorney General a few months ago. It was one of the decent things the President had done. Now it abuses the same Attorney General as a time-server without any reason.

THE country needs all the money that can be obtained by legitimate means to revive its industries and to give artisans and laborers remunerative employment. Congress can secure fifty-five millions of foreign gold for permanent investment by passing the bill guaranteeing the interest on the bonds of the Texas and Pacific railroad.

THE World commends Mr. Randall for purchasing his appropriation, but fails to show how the business of the country can be successfully carried on at half price. Suppose the World should follow Mr. Randall's lead and pinch its expenditures twenty to thirty per cent, would not its rivals have the advantage over it in the race for news and divert much of its patronage? Can we as a nation compete with our rivals among the nations of the earth if we "pinch here and starve there" in our appropriations upon the plea of poverty, and, in addition to this, repudiate our pledged faith in the payment of interest? The World's partisans, through the remissness of Mr. Randall's committee, have secured the guaranteed interest upon the bonds of this District to go to default since the first of February last. The faith of the Government of the United States stands solemnly pledged for the necessary appropriations to pay this interest. Mr. Randall is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, whose sworn duty it was to introduce a bill which would maintain the appropriation to meet that interest. Failing in this duty is practical repudiation as well as neglect of the performance of a sworn duty. The World and its party ought to be welcomed to all the credit they can derive from economy at the expense of the national honor.

TIME TO UNLOAD.

The Republican party has been bearing a burden for the past six years which has impeded its progress, sapped its strength and put it in a state of exhaustion. The public. The same magnanimity which influenced it to remove the political disabilities from those who, by a reasonable and dangerous movement, nearly destroyed the fabric of the Republic, has led the party into a very grave and disastrous error. By a generosity which has never before been equaled in the history of our country's political organizations, it has embraced itself with an element which, from the very nature of things, is foreign to its best interests. We speak now of the Democratic body of office-holders found in every branch of the civil service. Charitably should begin at home, and that party which would maintain its integrity and depend alone upon those who believe in its principles. A wise general will not intrust the execution of an important military mission to a foe. That would be placing a weapon in his hand with which to strike a fatal blow. The strength, endurance and prosperity of a party are not to be measured by the number of its adherents, but by the quality of its leadership and the loyalty of its followers. Every-where there men have gradually crept into office, and like a disguised enemy within the walls of a strong city, they are acting as spies, and giving the party away to the enemy. The latest development of corruption confirms this statement. Every individual connected with this disgraceful transaction was a Democrat at heart. Known as ex-Confederate soldiers, many were strong Republican sympathizers. Many of the party were the least cause, and the fallen War Minister himself was a Democrat by education. This single instance illustrates the logic of our proposition. It is time to unload. It may be late, but not so late but that this policy will be effectively mended. It will be a great relief to the party and a great element in the body-politic we must sweep away these barons. We must unload this dangerous cargo. We must trust alone in friends. The country needs the Republican party, and the party must watch its own interests.

A SOPHISTICAL FRAUD.

There are those who, even up to this date, have felt some confidence that the New York Tribune is an honest paper. There is that tone of easy candor shown in its editorial notes, and a sort of pretension of extreme uprightness about its general make up which is so good an imitation that it can hardly be told from the real thing. It is like some of the counterfeit notes issued in wild cat days, better in appearance than the genuine, but still having no real redeeming for its spurious attempt to prove itself. It is a sophisticated fraud, the product of vanity and the "ring."

In its attitude towards the public it has been further described with perfect truth to be like that class of exceedingly well-spoken, confidential fellows that meet a man as he comes up street from the depot upon his arrival in the Metropolis. They know all about him and just what is good for him, and have a way of providing it with such artless grace and with such a swaggering honesty that he goes off with him and gets fleeced. Just so with those who in their guileless innocence trust their convictions to the New York Tribune. They are told that they are, and presently they find out who they are, and what they believe. They thought they were Republic-

leans, but have been led along by easy contrivances until they find themselves yelling for Grant Brown and working for Gould. They do not know how it happened, but here they are. The President is a villain, the Cabinet are robbers, the Senate are horse-thieves, and the Republican party is a tribe of cut-throats. Everything is a conspiracy to defraud the people. As it can, and no one to save you, but the New York Tribune. This is the result of a belief in the insinuating logic uttered by that paper. But occasionally, to use a phrase, it "slops over," and for the nonce loses sight of the role it is acting and comes out in its true colors, just as the confidence man when some surprise occasions him to be indiscreet. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, his victim sees the game and is on his guard. Gammon has lost his charm for him. He does not want any more of it. The cheat is exposed, and the "beat," or the Tribune, can go their way, and thank their stars to get off.

An occasion of disclosure of the true sentiments of the Tribune for the House of Representatives has arisen out of the Belknap case. In its interperpetration of this public calamity—for no man can candidly call it anything more or less—it gives way to such shouts of triumph that people see the deceit it has practiced all along at once. Its mask is off. The suer of the villain's chain, the public wrongs that it could have been deceived so long. Nat's pictures, so familiar to all, take on a new meaning, for they disclose, what the public has been slow to learn, that beneath the mask of pretended virtue there lurks as mean a political scoundrel as ever scratched pen on paper.

THE editor of the paper on Wednesday last illustrates the point at issue in a column on this day is called down with the vilest abuse that can be uttered, and without a shadow of evidence to sustain its insinuations. It draws the conclusion, in every line, that because Belknap is guilty of perjury, hence every man of any honor in the party, from the President down to the lowest member of Congress, is guilty of the same crime, and is held up to public execration. As far as argument would infer that as Tweed lived in New York, hence the editor of the Tribune is a thief and a blackguard, and the people of New York are no better than he is. Can any candid man say it is not as fair? But the editor goes on and the following are some of his conclusions:—a mere sample quoted at random: "Every Republican leader must show that he is not a thief." "The people have no trust in Grant than they would 'trust Belknap.'" "It does not need the fall of the Secretary, which is a 'geometric' to finish a 'democratic'." "It may be dangerous, but it is not filthy 'with bribes and stealings,' etc., etc., etc. The editor goes on to state as literal truth every scandal that has been bandied about for a sinister motive, and every suspicion that has been raised against the Republican party and Administration, no matter what the source or how unworthy of credence or unsupported by direct charges they may be, and claims them all as gospel truth.

Now, to all this kind of knavery there is but one reply. The public see through this trick without difficulty. There is public virtue enough and a sentiment strong enough to defend men and parties from the vilification of the Republic. Society recognizes that the same system will ruin any private character and crush civilization to death. The man who attempts this process is spotted as an outlaw, and goes down. He cannot live under it. He is a public villain; and, though he may for a few years exist at his trade, under the guise of a source of how unworthy of credence or the history of men and nations has shown, his star will go down in darkness, and his grave will be marked as infamous. To such a destiny the New York Tribune is hastening.

AN ADMISSION FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER.

There is an exclamation, called by courtesy a newspaper, about the size and appearance of a badly-damaged sheet of foolscap, styled the *Star*—the *Evening Star*—published at the corner of Lombard and Virginia streets. The editorial utterances of which are understood to be the inspirations of a fossilized journal of an antediluvian era. The venerable wolf of the *Star*, is exceeding wrath because of the truthfulness contained in a late editorial article in the *REPUBLICAN*, wherein we endeavored to show, by a series of facts and figures, that the cause of Virginia's poverty was, in a great measure, attributable to her continued adherence to Democracy. The *Star* attempts to controvert our deductions with a large amount of the stale arguments of the Democracy, such as "lying audacity," &c., and then virtually admits the proposition of the *REPUBLICAN*, that the emigration of Virginia is retarded by the proslavery course of the Democratic party of that State. Witness the subjoined extract from the article in question:—

"THE REPUBLICAN has the temerity to call the Virginians to co-operate with the *Star* in the cause of the honest and patriotic people of this State. Now, seriously, the factiousness of the Virginians will not allow us to associate with such a *REPUBLICAN* man, or those he could suggest; but whenever a gentleman comes from the South, he is to be treated as a man of straw, and not as a man of flesh and blood, and never better pleased than when entertaining gentlemen from without their borders, but we decline to associate with such a *REPUBLICAN* man, or those he could suggest; but whenever a gentleman comes from the South, he is to be treated as a man of straw, and not as a man of flesh and blood, and never better pleased than when entertaining gentlemen from without their borders, but we decline to associate with such a *REPUBLICAN* man, or those he could suggest; but whenever a gentleman comes from the South, he is to be treated as a man of straw, and not as a man of flesh and blood, and never better pleased than when entertaining gentlemen from without their borders, but we decline to associate with such a *REPUBLICAN* man, or those he could suggest; 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